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contract;⁴ and (2) that the defendant had given up what was merely the offer of the plaintiff, and had acted on the offer of the free agency;⁵ or (3) that even if there were a contract the necessary condition had not been complied with because the defendant had obtained the job by his own efforts and not through any assistance of the plaintiff. After the trial the case was reargued twice and written briefs were submitted. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$23. As the plaintiff agreed to settle and waive all costs the case was not appealed.

VALIDITY OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS INVOLVING CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY.—The exigencies of government have increasingly demanded that official and individual conduct be controlled by expert and flexible departmental regulation rather than by the cumbersome processes of legislation.¹ Congress has therefore frequently authorized the heads of the departments to issue regulations,² the disregarding of many of which involves criminal responsibility. Is such regulation³ a valid exercise of power by the executive? The subject may properly⁴ be divided into two main heads: (1) Is a given regulation beyond the limits of the statute? (2) Is the statute beyond the limits of the federal constitution? A failure to regard this distinction has led to unfortunate confusion in the opinions.

Assuming that the defendant has violated a departmental regulation,⁵ for which the government seeks to hold him criminally responsible, the court must determine whether the regulation is beyond the powers

⁴ *Vogel v. Pekoc*, 157 Ill. 339, 42 N. E. 386 (1895); *Montreal Gas Co. v. Vasey*, [1900] A. C. 595.

⁵ *Crowninshield v. Foster*, 169 Mass. 237, 47 N. E. 879 (1897).

¹ See G. Norman Lieber, "Executive Regulations," 31 AM. L. REV. 876, 889-890; J. B. Whitfield, "Legislative Powers That May Not Be Delegated," 20 YALE L. J. 87, 93; Stephen A. Foster, "The Delegation of Legislative Power to Administrative Officers," 7 ILL. L. REV. 397, 399-402.

² Courts take judicial notice of regulations. *Caha v. United States*, 152 U. S. 211, 221 (1894). It would seem good practice, however, to plead the regulations in the indictment. See *United States v. Slater*, 123 Fed. 115, 121 (D. Nev., 1903).

³ Technically, a regulation does not include the special application by the executive of a rule to a particular concrete case. See GOODNOW, PRINCIPLES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES, 322-345. This type of administrative action requires the exercise of a judicial function by the executive, and with this we are here not concerned. See *United States v. Moody*, 164 Fed. 269, 273 (W. D. Mich., 1908).

⁴ See Bruce Wyman, "Jurisdictional Limitations upon Commission Action," 27 HARV. L. REV. 545, 550. And see *In re Gray*, 57 Can. Sup. Ct. 150, 156-157 (1918).

⁵ If the defendant's act or omission to act is a violation of the express terms of some complete statutory prohibition or command, it is unnecessary to consider the regulation. See *United States v. Keitel*, 211 U. S. 370, 395 (1908); *United States v. Foster*, 233 U. S. 515 (1914). Cf. *La Bourgogne*, 210 U. S. 95, 134 (1908). And it may, of course, be that what the defendant has done or failed to do is not a violation of the statute or of the regulation, properly construed. In such a situation it seems clear that there is no basis for a criminal prosecution. See *United States v. Manion*, 44 Fed. 800, 801 (D. Wash., 1890); *United States v. Three Barrels of Whiskey*, 77 Fed. 963, 965 (Circ. Ct., E. D. N. C., 1896); *United States v. Lamson*, 165 Fed. 80, 85-86 (Circ. Ct., D. R. I., 1908). Moreover, it has been held that a refusal of the employee of a federal department to obey the order of a state court would not render him liable to imprisonment

conferred upon the department by Congress.⁶ Since the purpose of the exercise by the executive of regulatory functions is to enable Congress more effectively to express its will, the rule-making power cannot be exercised beyond the limits designated by Congress.⁷ In the last analysis, a solution of this problem is a matter of statutory construction,⁸ and therefore each case should be decided upon its own peculiar facts. For example, much depends upon whether the scheme of Congressional legislation is minute or in outline. Thus, where Congress has explicitly enumerated the details of individual action, the department, in adding a further requirement to those specified in the statute, has been held⁹ to have gone beyond the powers conferred upon it by Congress. On the other hand, as exemplified by two cases¹⁰ decided in the present term

for contempt of court where such refusal was a compliance with valid regulations of the department. *Boske v. Comingore*, 177 U. S. 459 (1900). See *In re Lamberton*, 124 Fed. 446 (W. D. Ark., 1903).

⁶ The sources of Presidential authority to issue rules and regulations are three: (1) As an exercise of special executive power expressly conferred by the Constitution — e.g., as commander-in-chief of the army and navy. (2) As an exercise of the general executive power to enforce the laws. (3) As an exercise of power specifically authorized by Congress. We are concerned here with the last only.

⁷ See Morris M. Cohn, "To What Extent Have Rules and Regulations of the Federal Departments the Force of Law," 41 AM. L. REV. 343, 352. And see cases cited in note 8, *infra*.

⁸ Decisions holding the regulation in question within the powers conferred upon the executive department by the enabling statute are: *United States v. Bailey*, 9 Pet. (U. S.) 238 (1835); *Thacher's Distilled Spirits*, 103 U. S. 679 (1881); *United States v. Hearing*, 26 Fed. 744 (Circ. Ct., D. Ore., 1886); *United States v. Boggs*, 31 Fed. 337 (S. D. Ill., 1887); *United States v. Ford*, 50 Fed. 467 (E. D. Mo., 1892); *Caha v. United States*, *supra*; *United States v. Reder*, 69 Fed. 965 (D. S. D., 1895); *United States v. Hardison*, 135 Fed. 419 (S. D. Ga., 1905); *Haas v. Henkel*, 216 U. S. 462 (1910); *United States v. Nelson*, 199 Fed. 464 (D. Idaho, 1912); *United States v. Antikamnia Chemical Co.*, 231 U. S. 654 (1914); *United States v. Birdsall*, 233 U. S. 223 (1914); *United States v. Foster*, 233 U. S. 515 (1914); *United States v. Smull*, 236 U. S. 405 (1915); *United States v. Coll y Cuchi*, 8 Porto Rico Fed. 255 (1915); *United States v. Alvarez*, 8 Porto Rico Fed. 260 (1915); *United States v. Morehead*, 243 U. S. 607 (1917); *Pakas v. United States*, 245 U. S. 467 (1918). See *Tyner v. United States*, 23 App. D. C. 324, 356 (1904); *United States v. Haas*, 163 Fed. 908, 910 (Circ. Ct., S. D. N. Y., 1908).

Decisions holding that the regulation in question was an exercise by the executive of power beyond that authorized by Congress are: *United States v. Two Hundred Barrels of Whiskey*, 95 U. S. 571 (1878); *United States v. Bedgood*, 49 Fed. 54 (S. D. Ala., 1891); *United States v. Eaton*, 144 U. S. 677 (1892); *United States v. One Package of Distilled Spirits*, 88 Fed. 856 (S. D. Ill., 1898); *United States v. Maid*, 116 Fed. 650 (S. D. Cal., 1902); *United States v. Hoover*, 133 Fed. 950 (D. Neb., 1904); *Robnett v. United States*, 169 Fed. 778 (9th Circ., 1909); *Dwyer v. United States*, 170 Fed. 160 (9th Circ., 1909); *Kettenbach v. United States*, 170 Fed. 167 (9th Circ., 1909); *Patterson v. United States*, 181 Fed. 970 (9th Circ., 1910); *St. Louis Merchants' Bridge Terminal Ry. Co. v. United States*, 188 Fed. 191 (8th Circ., 1911); *United States v. Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Butter*, 195 Fed. 657 (8th Circ., 1912); *United States v. George*, 228 U. S. 14 (1913). See *Williamson v. United States*, 207 U. S. 425, 459 (1908); *United States v. Haas*, 167 Fed. 211, 215 (S. D. N. Y., 1906) (but see *Haas v. Henkel*, 166 Fed. 621 (Circ. Ct., S. D. N. Y., 1909), *aff'd* 216 U. S. 462 (1910)). Cf. *United States v. Sandefuhr*, 145 Fed. 49 (E. D. Ark., 1906).

⁹ For example, *United States v. George*, *supra*.

¹⁰ *United States v. Sacks*, U. S. Sup. Ct., Oct. term, 1921, No. 48. Congress authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow money on the credit of the United States, and to issue therefor war-savings certificates of the United States. "Such war-savings certificates shall be in such form and subject to such terms and con-

of the Supreme Court of the United States, the broader the statutory enactments, the more play¹¹ there is for the exercise of regulatory powers. One of the things which has led to the confusion of the lower federal courts on this question is the quotation of abstract general principles from the opinions of the Supreme Court, and their attempted application, regardless of the particular circumstances of the case.¹² The wording of the statute, the history of the legislation, its purposes, the evil sought to be remedied, the good attempted to be secured,—all are matters to be taken into consideration in determining whether a given regulation is not¹³ authorized by the statutes.

ditions . . . as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe." He was further authorized to issue stamps to evidence payments for or on account of such certificates (40 STAT. AT L. 291, 966). In pursuance of this authorization the Secretary of the Treasury promulgated a series of regulations (Treas. Circ. No. 94, Nov. 15, 1917; Treas. Circ. No. 128, Dec. 18, 1918) and issued war savings certificates and stamps thereunder. One of the regulations of the Secretary, embodied as a term of the war savings certificates, provided that a certificate is not a valid obligation of the United States unless a stamp is affixed thereto. The defendant was indicted for fraudulently altering an obligation of the United States, in that he did tear from the face of such a certificate a war savings stamp, and with having such altered obligation in his possession with intent fraudulently to pass it (CRIMINAL CODE, §§ 148, 151). A demurrer to the indictment was sustained by the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York. *Held*, that the judgment be reversed.

Another indictment under the same statute and regulations was sustained in *United States v. Janowitz*, U. S. Sup. Ct., Oct. term, 1921, No. 49.

¹¹ There has been some question whether the courts should refuse to give cognizance to a regulation merely because it is unreasonable. See John B. Cheadle, "The Delegation of Legislative Functions," 27 YALE L. J. 892, 921. Where the enabling statute is a broad one, such as Section 161 of the Revised Statutes, the problem is rather academic, for the courts refuse to uphold unreasonable regulation on the ground that it is beyond the power conferred upon the executive by Congress. See Thomas Reed Powell, "Administrative Exercise of the Police Power," 24 HARV. L. REV. 333, 344. Where, however, a particular regulation is specifically authorized by statute, the court cannot say that Congress did not mean to confer upon the executive power to issue the regulation, and so, though the court thinks the regulation unreasonable, it should be upheld if not beyond constitutional limitations. See Frank J. Goodnow, "Private Rights and Administrative Discretion," 83 CENT. L. J. 165, 166.

There seems to be here involved a neat system of checks and balances. The more particularized the statutory authorization, the less room there is for varied regulation, but the more unreasonable a given regulation may be. On the other hand, the broader the statutory authorization, the wider are the fields within which the executive may exercise his regulatory powers, but the more opportunity for the courts to declare an unreasonable regulation invalid as being beyond the authority Congress intended to confer. And see note 20, *infra*.

¹² The Supreme Court, in a famous *dictum*, said that while a regulation might have the force of law for civil purposes, it cannot be effective for the purpose of holding one who disregards it criminally responsible. See *United States v. Eaton*, 144 U. S. 677, 688 (1892). The broad language of the court seems to have led to a misapprehension of the problem by some of the lower federal courts. See *United States v. Maid*, 116 Fed. 650 (S. D. Cal., 1902); *Patterson v. United States*, 181 Fed. 970 (9th Circ., 1910). It is true, as a general principle of statutory construction, that criminal enactments should be strictly interpreted. But, where a regulation, under a fair construction of the enabling statutes, is within the rule-making power of the executive, it should follow that a violation of the regulation is criminally punishable if made so by the legislature. This the Supreme Court has recognized in later decisions. *Caha v. United States*, *supra*. See *United States v. Keitel*, *supra*, at 391-392. See also *United States v. Rizzinelli*, 182 Fed. 675, 678 (D. Idaho, 1910).

¹³ The question is stated in the negative form advisedly. It is submitted that there should be a genuine presumption of the validity of an executive regulation,

Granting that the regulation which the defendant has violated is within the rule-making power of the department, the next question is to determine whether there are any constitutional limitations upon the legislative capacity to confer regulatory powers upon the executive.¹⁴ There is, in the federal constitution, only one express¹⁵ limitation — “due process.”¹⁶ Since the creation of criminal offenses is in its nature legislative,¹⁷ it would seem that a person would be entitled, under the Fifth Amendment, to have Congress establish¹⁸ the crime and provide the punishment therefor. Congress has never attempted to, and cannot constitutionally, abdicate its functions and permit the executive to declare anything it will a federal offense.¹⁹ What Congress has done, and done so frequently as to indicate the evident governmental expediency therein, is to legislate on a given subject as far²⁰ as it deemed advisable, authorizing the executive department to issue rules and regulations thereunder, and making punishable by prescribed penalties a violation of the statute or the regulations. Do the alleged implied constitutional doctrines of the separation and non-delegability of governmental powers prohibit the legislative authorization of departmental regulation? Regulation, in so far as it is the expression of the will of the

See Jasper Yeates Brinton, “Some Powers and Problems of the Federal Administrative,” 61 U. PA. L. REV. 135, 147. The courts sometimes talk as if to accord great respect to the executive ruling. See *Boske v. Comingore*, 177 U. S. 459, 470 (1900). But, in practice, the presumption seems to be of no avail to protect a regulation independently thought by the courts to be *ultra vires*. See Thomas Reed Powell, “Separation of Powers: Administrative Exercise of Legislative and Judicial Power,” 28 POL. SCI. Q. 34, 39, note 2.

¹⁴ Where the enabling statute is unconstitutional for any reason, regulations issued in pursuance thereof are void. *United States v. Boyer*, 85 Fed. 425 (W. D. Mo., 1898). And, even though the statute is itself valid, a regulation will, of course, always be held unconstitutional for any reason that would nullify the same provisions in a statute. Cf. *Illinois Central R. R. Co. v. McKendree*, 203 U. S. 514 (1906).

¹⁵ The “distributing clause,” common in the state constitutions, is not a part of the federal constitution. See 35 HARV. L. REV. 450, 452. It does, however, provide that legislative, executive, and judicial power shall be vested, respectively, in Congress, in the President, and in the federal courts. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, Art. I., § 1; Art. II., § 1; Art. III., § 1.

¹⁶ CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AMENDMENTS, Art. V. See Frederick Green, “Separation of Governmental Powers,” 29 YALE L. J. 369, 373; Thomas Reed Powell, “Separation of Powers: Administrative Exercise of Legislative and Judicial Power,” 27 POL. SCI. Q. 215, 216–217.

¹⁷ There are no common law crimes in the federal courts. *United States v. Hudson*, 7 Cranch (U. S.) 32 (1812), *United States v. Coolidge*, 1 Wheat. (U. S.) 415 (1816).

¹⁸ The whole problem turns on just how minute Congressional definition of the crime must be. It is clear, from the cases, that the statute need not state in detail every circumstance under which an act prohibited by law shall constitute a criminal offense. See cases cited in note 26, *infra*. It is submitted that Congress sufficiently defines the crime when it proscribes the violation of a reasonable regulation promulgated by the executive to carry out the purposes or provisions of the statute.

¹⁹ But see, as to the penal system established by the executive in the Revenue-Cutter Service, LIEBER, REMARKS ON THE ARMY REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS IN GENERAL, W. D. Doc. No. 63, Off. J. A. G., 1898, 46, note 1.

²⁰ See 15 ILL. L. REV. 108, 116. See LAPP, FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, Introduction. The more detailed the legislation, the less delegation of regulatory powers — and so the weaker the argument that the statute is constitutionally objectionable. On the other hand, the broader the legislation, the more delegation of regulatory powers — and so the problem comes nearer the line of constitutional prohibition. See note 11, *supra*.

state as a guide for the future conduct of itself and its citizens, is, in the nature of things, legislation.²¹ Were these doctrines rules of thumb, it would seem necessarily to follow that such Congressional authorization would be unconstitutional. But, disregarding the *dicta* in the light of the decisions,²² it seems clear, at least at the present time,²³ that there is no hard and fast rule forbidding the delegation of legislative functions to the executive departments. These doctrines are broad expressions of political philosophy, rather than constitutional limitations. The drawing of the line here, as in other fields of constitutional law, is one of degree. With an eye upon historical tradition as a political beacon,²⁴ the determination depends largely upon the nature of the problem "in view of what the times demand and of the end to be accomplished" in each particular case.²⁵ Looking at the business of the legislature, and how it can most effectively be discharged, the court, in the exercise of its negative function to hold statutes unconstitutional, should be slow²⁶ to declare that Congress has abdicated rather than fulfilled its powers by utilizing another authority in their exercise.

²¹ See John B. Cheadle, *supra*, 27 YALE L. J. 892, 917-918. But see Edmund M. Parker, "Executive Judgments and Executive Legislation," 20 HARV. L. REV. 116, 123. In view of the fact that Congress primarily determines the subjects, character, and extent of departmental activities, executive regulations have been aptly called "subordinate, legislation." See John A. Fairlie, "Administrative Legislation," 18 MICH. L. REV. 181. The same learned writer ingeniously suggests that since Congress possesses only legislative power, any delegation of power by it must be a delegation of legislative power; and so it is logically inconsistent for the courts to say that while Congress may delegate the power to make rules and regulations, yet it may not delegate legislative power. See John A. Fairlie, "The Administrative Powers of the President," 2 MICH. L. REV. 190, 207. Though this suggestion is in favor of the contention here made, it must be admitted that principles of constitutional law cannot be derived from mere arguments on language.

²² It is necessary to distinguish what the courts say from what they do. They say that any delegation of legislative power to the executive is unconstitutional, but they are very liberal in their construction of what constitutes legislative power. The courts say that Congress may confer upon the executive department the power only to "fill in the details" of a statute, but, in any given case, the so-called details are, in fact, of wide scope. The courts say that Congress cannot delegate a "discretion as to what the law shall be," but this, in fact, does not seem to preclude the determination by the executive of broad policies. It has also been said that the legislature must establish a "primary standard," but in some of the actual decisions this has been of the most indefinite character, amounting to little more than an expression of the general purpose of the act. See cases cited in the first paragraph of note 8, *supra*; in note 10, *supra*; and in note 26, *infra*. See also Edward B. Whitney, "Another Philippine Constitutional Question — Delegation of Legislative Power to the President," 1 COL. L. REV. 33, 39, 45-48.

²³ While, perhaps, the framers of the Constitution regarded the strict separation of governmental powers as an important feature in the Constitution, it was soon learned that, in actual practice, the principle could not be made a rigid one. See Eugen Ehrlich, "Montesquieu and Sociological Jurisprudence," 29 HARV. L. REV. 582, 592 *et seq.* And see 26 HARV. L. REV. 744.

²⁴ See Felix Frankfurter, "The Constitutional Opinions of Justice Holmes," 29 HARV. L. REV. 683, 685.

²⁵ See John B. Cheadle, *supra*, 27 YALE L. J. 982, 920; Edward D. Martin, "The Lines of Demarcation Between Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Functions, with Special Reference to the Acts of an Administrative Board or Commission," 47 AM. L. REV. 715, 732; Stephen A. Foster, *supra*, 7 ILL. L. REV. 397, 412-413. See also 2 WILLOUGHBY, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF THE UNITED STATES, § 777.

²⁶ The lower federal courts seem more willing to declare a statute unconstitutional

TRADE COMPETITION AS A JUSTIFICATION. — Since the case of the Gloucester Grammar School¹ in 1410 the law has steadily² recognized an interest in freedom of trade competition.³ With the growth of commercial activity that interest has received increasing consideration.⁴ Today such widely divergent forms of activity — injurious to individuals or to classes of individuals — as price-cutting,⁵ insistence on exclusive dealing agreements,⁶ strikes,⁷ boycotts,⁸ and even the inducing of breach of contract,⁹ are found justified by authority, although

on the ground that it delegates legislative power than the Supreme Court. *United States v. Blasingame*, 116 Fed. 654 (S. D. Cal., 1900); *United States v. Matthews*, 146 Fed. 306 (E. D. Wash., 1906); *United States v. Grimaud*, 170 Fed. 205 (S. D. Cal., 1909). See *United States v. Louisville & N. R. Co.*, 176 Fed. 942 (N. D. Ala., 1910). But the Grimaud case has been reversed, and the others in effect overruled, by the Supreme Court. *United States v. Grimaud*, 220 U. S. 506 (1911). *Accord*: *United States v. Breen*, 40 Fed. 402 (Circ. Ct., E. D. La., 1889); *United States v. Ormsbee*, 74 Fed. 207 (E. D. Wis., 1896); *Dent v. United States*, 8 Ariz. 413, 76 Pac. 455 (1904); *United States v. Deguirro*, 152 Fed. 568 (N. D. Cal., 1906); *United States v. Domingo*, 152 Fed. 566 (D. Idaho, 1907); *United States v. Pale*, 156 Fed. 687 (D. S. D., 1907); *United States v. Moody*, 164 Fed. 269 (W. D. Mich., 1908); *Lockwood v. United States*, 178 Fed. 437 (3rd Circ., 1909); *United States v. Rizzinelli*, *supra*; *United States v. Stephens*, 245 Fed. 956, 965 (D. Del., 1917); *United States v. Olson*, 253 Fed. 233, 238 (W. D. Wash., 1917); *United States v. Casey*, 247 Fed. 362 (S. D. Ohio, 1918); *United States v. Scott*, 248 Fed. 361 (D. R. I., 1918); *Sugar v. United States*, 252 Fed. 74 (6th Circ., 1918); *United States v. Pennsylvania Central Coal Co.*, 256 Fed. 703 (W. D. Pa., 1918).

It is significant that not only has the Supreme Court never held a Congressional statute unconstitutional on the ground that it violates the doctrine said to prohibit the delegation of legislative powers to the executive departments, but it has reversed decisions of the lower federal courts holding *contra*. *Prather v. United States*, 9 App. D. C. 82 (1896) (writ of *erro* dismissed — 164 U. S. 452 (1896)); *In re Kollock*, 165 U. S. 526 (1897); *In re McCaully*, 165 U. S. 538 (1897); *Wilkins v. United States*, 96 Fed. 837 (1899) (writ of *certiorari* denied — 175 U. S. 727 (1899)); *United States v. Grimaud*, *supra*; *Selective Draft Law Cases*, 245 U. S. 366, 389 (1918); *McKinley v. United States*, 249 U. S. 397 (1919).

¹ Y. B. 11 HEN. 4, fol. 47, pl. 21 (1410). This was an action by the two masters of the grammar school against the defendant for establishing a rival school whereby their receipts were reduced. It was held that the action would not lie. For another early case involving competition see Y. B. 22 HEN. 6, fol. 4, pl. 23 (1443).

² Even the early English statutes against regrating, forestalling, and ingrossing, although in fact stifling to business activity, were enacted in the interest of free individual competition. For a general discussion of these statutes see 3 STEPHEN, HISTORY OF THE CRIMINAL LAW, 199.

³ It should be noted that our ancestors were concerned with free competition because of its effectiveness in reducing prices. See S. C. T. Dodd, "The Present Legal Status of Trusts," 7 HARV. L. REV. 157, 159; COKE, THIRD INST., 195.

⁴ *Mogul Steamship Co. v. McGregor*, 23 O. B. D. 598 (1889), is probably the leading case on the subject. See S. C. Basak, "Interference with Trade," 28 LAW QUAR. REV. 52, 68.

⁵ *Mogul Steamship Co. v. McGregor*, *supra*. See KALES, CONTRACTS AND COMB. IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE, § 94.

⁶ *Scottish Co-op. Wholesale Soc. v. Trade Defense Assoc.*, 35 SCOT. L. REP. 645 (1898); *United Shoe Machinery Co. v. La Chappelle Co.*, 212 Mass. 467, 99 N. E. 286 (1912).

⁷ *Karges Furniture Co. v. Union*, 165 Ind. 421, 75 N. E. 877 (1905); *Pickett v. Walsh*, 192 Mass. 572, 78 N. E. 753 (1906).

⁸ *Mills v. U. S. Printing Co.* 91 N. Y. Supp. 185 (1904).

⁹ *Chambers v. Baldwin*, 91 Ky. 121, 15 S. W. 57 (1891). The weight of authority, however, is *contra*. *Lumley v. Gye*, 2 El. & Bl. 216 (1853). See H. Gerald Chapin, "Interference with Contractual Relations," 1 N. J. L. REV. 144, 161.